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In re Application of:

Kunio SHIOTA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1631

Application No.: 09/881,748

Examiner: John S. BRUSCA

Filed: June 18, 2001

Confirmation No. 8762

For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING
CELLS USING DNA
METHYLATION PATTERNS

MAIL STOP RCE

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR FOUR MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a four month extension of time to extend the due date for filing a Request for Continued Examination to December 22, 2004. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal and the appeal fee on June 22, 2004. A fee of \$1,590.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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